

## Appendix

Goodspeed is a law firm based in the Denver, Colorado area. It completed an investigation into suspicious activity originating from four employees' email accounts. Upon learning of the incident, Goodspeed immediately took steps to secure the email accounts and launched an investigation with the assistance of an outside IT security firm.

The investigation determined that the unauthorized person accessed the email accounts at various times between at least March 23, 2020 and May 20, 2020, and July 29, 2020 and August 28, 2020, and created a rule whereby certain emails were forwarded from one of the accounts. The rule was removed as soon as Goodspeed discovered it. The investigation did not determine whether any of the forwarded emails or attachments, or any other emails or attachments in the accounts were viewed by the unauthorized party; however, Goodspeed was unable to rule out the possibility. As part of its investigation, Goodspeed conducted a comprehensive review of the contents of the accounts that could have been viewed or accessed to identify individuals whose information may have been accessible to the unauthorized party. On November 7, 2020, Goodspeed determined that an email or attachment in the accounts contained the name and Social Security number belonging to one resident of Maine.<sup>1</sup>

Beginning today, January 22, 2021, Goodspeed & Merrill will mail a notification letter via First-Class U.S. mail to the Maine resident. A sample copy of the notification letter is enclosed. Goodspeed is offering the Maine resident one-year of complimentary credit monitoring, fraud consultation, and identity theft restoration services through Kroll. Goodspeed has also established a dedicated, toll-free phone number that individuals may call with related questions.

To further protect personal information, Goodspeed has taken steps to enhance its existing security protocols including enhanced password protections, multi-factor authentication, and email encryption capabilities. Goodspeed is also providing additional awareness training, enhancing its incident response plan, and conducting internal phishing training exercises.

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<sup>1</sup> This notice does not waive Goodspeed & Merrill's objection that Maine lacks personal jurisdiction over it regarding any claims related to this incident.

# Goodspeed & Merrill

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<<city>>, <<state\_province>> <<postal\_code>>  
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Dear <<first\_name>> <<middle\_name>> <<last\_name>> <<suffix>>,

Goodspeed & Merrill (“Goodspeed”) is committed to protecting the confidentiality and security of the information we receive and maintain. We are writing to inform you of an incident that may have involved some of your information. This notice explains the incident, measures we have taken, and some steps you can take in response.

We completed an investigation into suspicious activity originating from four Goodspeed employee email accounts. Upon learning of the incident, we immediately took steps to secure the email accounts, launched an investigation, and an outside IT security firm was engaged to assist. The investigation determined that an unauthorized party accessed the email accounts at various times between at least March 23, 2020 and May 20, 2020, and July 29, 2020 and August 28, 2020, and created a rule whereby certain emails were forwarded from one of the accounts. We removed the rule as soon as we became aware of it.

Our investigation was not able to determine whether any of the forwarded emails or attachments, or any other emails or attachments in the accounts were viewed by the unauthorized party; however, we were not able to rule out the possibility. In an abundance of caution, we searched the contents of the accounts that could have been viewed or accessed to identify individuals whose information may have been accessible to the unauthorized party. On November 7, 2020, we determined that an email or attachment contained your <<b2b\_text\_1(DataElements)>>.

While we have no indication that your information was actually viewed by the unauthorized person, or that it has been misused, we wanted to let you know this happened and assure you that we take this very seriously. We encourage you to remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports for any unauthorized activity. If you see charges or activity you did not authorize, please contact your financial institution. As an added precaution, we have secured the services of Kroll to provide identity monitoring at no cost to you for a period of one year. Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

Visit <https://enroll.idheadquarters.com> to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

*You have until **April 18, 2021** to activate your identity monitoring services.*

Membership Number: <<Member ID>>

For more information on how to help safeguard your identity, and your complimentary one-year membership to identity monitoring services, please see the attached information provided in this letter.

We deeply regret any concern this incident may cause you. To further protect personal information, we have taken steps to enhance our existing security protocols including enhanced password protections, multi-factor authentication, and email encryption capabilities. We are also providing additional security awareness training to our staff, enhancing our incident response, and conducting internal phishing training exercises.

If you have any questions, please call 1-855-526-1150, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Central Time.

Sincerely,

Goodspeed & Merrill

## **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES**

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

### **Triple Bureau Credit Monitoring**

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data at any of the three national credit bureaus—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you will have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

### **Fraud Consultation**

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

### **Identity Theft Restoration**

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

## ADDITIONAL STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

We remind you it is always advisable to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order your annual free credit report, please visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

- *Equifax*, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com), 1-800-685-1111
- *Experian*, PO Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com), 1-888-397-3742
- *TransUnion*, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com), 1-800-916-8800

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your state. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

- *Federal Trade Commission*, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)

If your health insurance or medical information was involved, it is also advisable to review the billing statements you receive from your health insurer or healthcare provider. If you see charges for services you did not receive, please contact the insurer or provider immediately.

### **Fraud Alerts and Credit or Security Freezes:**

***Fraud Alerts:*** There are two types of general fraud alerts you can place on your credit report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud—an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for one year. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years.

To place a fraud alert on your credit reports, contact one of the nationwide credit bureaus. A fraud alert is free. The credit bureau you contact must tell the other two, and all three will place an alert on their versions of your report.

For those in the military who want to protect their credit while deployed, an Active Duty Military Fraud Alert lasts for one year and can be renewed for the length of your deployment. The credit bureaus will also take you off their marketing lists for pre-screened credit card offers for two years, unless you ask them not to.

***Credit or Security Freezes:*** You have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, free of charge, which makes it more difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. That's because most creditors need to see your credit report before they approve a new account. If they can't see your report, they may not extend the credit.

*How do I place a freeze on my credit reports?* There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. For information and instructions to place a security freeze, contact each of the credit reporting agencies at the addresses below:

- **Experian Security Freeze**, PO Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)
- **TransUnion Security Freeze**, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)
- **Equifax Security Freeze**, PO Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

You'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information.

After receiving your freeze request, each credit bureau will provide you with a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

*How do I lift a freeze?* A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request.

If you opt for a temporary lift because you are applying for credit or a job, and you can find out which credit bureau the business will contact for your file, you can save some time by lifting the freeze only at that particular credit bureau. Otherwise, you need to make the request with all three credit bureaus.

**Additional information for residents of the following states:**

**North Carolina:** You may contact and obtain information from your state attorney general at: *North Carolina Attorney General's Office*, 9001 Mail Service Centre, Raleigh, NC 27699, 1-919-716-6000 / 1-877-566-7226, [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov)